THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, there are 416 ad-hoc teachers in 36 colleges of the University and majority of them continue to work during the current academic year also.

(c) The ad-hoc appointments were made in view of the instructions of the UGC issued in July, 2002 to fill up the vacant posts only on temporary basis. The UGC has since allowed the colleges to fill up some posts on permanent basis and the action for filling of these posts is to be taken by the respective colleges. It is, however, not possible to indicate a definite time frame for completion of the process of these appointments.

Policy for higher education

†1981. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to announce a separate policy for development and expansion of higher education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that in the absence of an education policy, the development of higher education has got stagnated since the last many years; and

(e) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The National Policy on Education, 1986, which was duly modified in 1992, enunciates a comprehensive framework to guide the development of education including higher education, in the country. Recently reconstituted Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE), in its meeting held on 10-11th August, 2004, has decided to constitute two Committees

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to deliberate upon following critical issues pertaining to higher education Sector:-

(i) Committee on autonomy of higher education institutions.

(ii) Committee on financing of higher and technical education.

Funds for Balika Samridhi Yojana in Chhattisgarh

†1982. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted and the amount remained to be allotted to Chhattisgarh since its creation for the programme being operated under the "Balika Samridhi Yoajan";

(b) whether Government are aware that the State didn't receive any amount during the year 2003-04 under the said scheme; and

(c) by when the said amount is likely to be released by Government and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Rs. 200.00 lakhs were released to Chhattisgarh during the year 2001-2002 under Balika Samridhi Yojana. The State Government has spent Rs. 493.99 lakhs till May 2004 The balance of Rs 293.99 lakhs is due for release.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State is likely to receive remaining grant after revised etimates are approved

Mid-day meal schemes and fire safety norms

1983. DR NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mid-day Meal Scheme is universally being implemented in all the schools;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted at any level regarding the kitchen facility in the schools to prepare food;

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